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Palace still wishing for GMA powers

By Christian V. Esguerra

MALACAÑANG IS NOT GIVING UP hope the Senate and House of Representatives can still convene a special session and grant special powers to President Macapagal-Arroyo to address the power crisis in Mindanao.

Gary Olivar, the President's deputy spokesperson, yesterday said Ms Arroyo

PALACE/A2

Oscar favorite Bullock crowned worst actress

LOS ANGELES—SANDRA BULLOCK was crowned on Saturday top of the flops at the 30th Razzie Awards, the annual eve-of-Oscars spoof that pays homage to the very worst of Hollywood.

Bullock may complete an unprecedented double if she wins a best actress Oscar for her performance in "The Blind Side" at the 82nd Academy Awards on Sunday.

OSCAR/A20

More Pinoys poor, GMA adviser admits

Salceda: Rich also became richer

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE RICH HAVE GOTTEN richer, but the ranks of the poor have expanded amid the economic growth since 2001, an economic adviser of President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said.

"My biggest frustration as a presidential adviser is that 34 quarters of uninterrupted expansion in the past nine years did little to reduce poverty and the number of poor people," Albay Gov. Joey Salceda said in an interview.

While the Arroyo administration continued to crank out glowing economic growth data, "these rosy figures cannot hide the fact that there are more poor people now than when the President started her term," Salceda said.

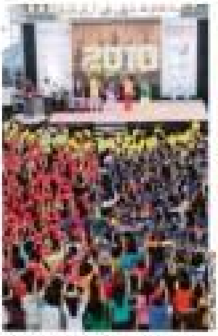
He cited data from the National Statistical Coordination Board which showed that the number of poor Filipinos—five-member families living on a little more than P1,200 a month—rose to 27.60 million in 2006 from 25.47 million in 2001.

In addition, the incidence of hunger nearly doubled from 11.4 percent in 2000 to 20.3 percent last year, he said.

"That is a lot of poor people. Given our average economic growth in the last four decades, it would take 37 years for this poor to get out of poverty," Salceda said.

Economists expect the number of people living below the poverty line to

MORE/A11



SHOW FOR VOTERS Dancers help explain how to vote in the automated poll at the SM Mall of Asia as part of GMA's News and Public Affairs program on election information dissemination, in partnership with the Inquirer.

Bring along 'cheat sheets,' voters urged

By Kristine L. Alave

THE KEY TO A WORRY-FREE ELECtronic vote is a "cheat sheet."

Bethsheba Valenzuela considers herself an expert on automated voting and scoffs at people who say that using the 25-inch-long ballot and the voting machine is fraught with difficulties for senior citizens.

"It's easy as long as you follow the instructions. I'm 58, yes, but why would it be difficult for me?" she said after participating in a mock election conducted by GMA News at SM Mall of Asia.

It was the first time that Valenzuela, a housewife, voted in a mock election.

BRING/A11



MOCK POLL Residents of Caloocan City test the automated poll counting machines during a mock election held at Gregorio de Jesus Elementary School.

7 Sayyaf suspects killed in Sulu raid

By Jocelyn R. Uy in Manila and Julie S. Alipala, Inquirer Mindanao

PHILIPPINE MARINES YESTERDAY killed seven suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits in a raid on a heavily fortified coastal hideout in Basilan, Sulu, but failed to capture a Malaysian terror suspect long wanted by the United States.

Backed by gunboats, soldiers from the Marine Battalion Landing Team-6 swooped down on the Abu Sayyaf lair on the island village of Lambayan at past 3 a.m., sparking two clashes in which one soldier was wounded, the military said.

"We caught them by surprise when our troops approached their hideout from the sea," said Brig. Gen. Rustico Guerrero, commander of Task Force Comet. He said 13 assault rifles as well as bomb-making materials were seized during the raid.

Two of those killed were women, Guerrero said.

But hours after the military claimed success in the operation, the police chief of Basilan, Insp. Elmer Dacalos, told the Inquirer by phone that he could still not say if those killed were indeed Abu Sayyaf bandits, "especially if there were women who were killed."

Lambayan is about an hour's boat ride from mainland Siasi.

Another police official, who asked not to be identified for lack of authority to speak on the matter, said the raid happened in a civilian community. He added that the two women were caught in the crossfire and that there

7 SAYYAF/A11

Grappling with crises, low tax take

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THINK ISSUE
i-TEAM Report
Fernando del Mundo, Chief

(Editor's note: The following is the fifth of major issues that the Inquirer believes need to be addressed by presidential candidates in the May 10 elections.)

THE SAME JOB HAS SEEN EDWARD Banaas, 42, through two global financial crises. He may not be aware of how the maneuverings of the country's economic managers touched his life as he raised a family amid both economic upheavals.

Back in 1998 when government coffers were dwindling in Asia and many currencies lost about half their values, Banaas was already in his third year as volunteer parking attendant at the Harrison Plaza commercial complex in Manila.

Since parking was free and the hundred or so accredited attendants did not get paid, their day's earnings came from whatever amount motorists thought someone watching over their vehicles was worth.

These days, handing over loose change from the dashboard does not get the same courtesy and goodwill as before. Regulars who give upward of P20 enjoy polite greetings, a wish for safe travel, and maybe, even a reservation of a future parking slot.

GRAPPLING/A22



WOW ACT The Bobcats of Central Colleges of the Philippines display never-been-done feats to defeat 25 other schools and regain the college division title of the National Cheerleading Championship (NCC) at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City. The Inquirer's 2bU and Inquirer Libre are the exclusive print media partners of NCC.

No politics? MMDA paints Villar house green

By Miko Morelos

JUST GREEN AND BEAR IT.

As far as the people at the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) are concerned, politics was farthest from their minds when their workers painted Sen. Manuel Villar's house green.

MMDA General Manager Robert Nacianceno yesterday said that when their personnel did the paint job on Villar's old house, they first secured the approval of homeowners and house caretakers in the area.

The old house stands on Moriones Street in Tondo.

"We asked for permission from

NO POLITICS/A17



Mikey's wife 'grants' US house to firm

By Vera Files

THE CONTROVERSIAL $1.32-million house at 1653 Beach Park Blvd. in Foster City, California, is no longer listed in the name of Angela Arroyo Montenegro, wife of Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo.

His lawyers and associates reported the transfer of the property to the name of Beachway LLC on Sept. 18, 2009, nearly three weeks after Vera Files reported the failure of President Macapagal-Arroyo's son to declare the property in his 2007 and 2008 Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN).

But the lawyers and associates overlooked the fact that they were reporting a transaction two years late, inadvertently drawing attention to Arroyo's failure to report the property in his July 2007 SALN.

Documents show that Angela requested the San Mateo County assessor to record the "grant" of the five-bedroom, two-story house in Foster City to Beachway LLC (limited liability company) only on Sept. 18, 2009. Vera Files first broke the story on Aug. 31, 2009.

LLCs in the United States are small businesses similar to single proprietorships in the Philippines and can be set up even with just one person as stakeholder. "A properly formed limited liability company creates a legally enforceable layer of protection between you personally and your business," said the LLC Expert, a website specializing in

MIKEY'S WIFE/A17

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Divide, rule tactics vs 'Morong 43' hit

A LAWYER FOR THE "MORONG 43," WHO WERE ARRESTED LAST MONTH IN A resort in Morong, Rizal, on suspicion of being members of the communist New People's Army, yesterday expressed alarm about reports that military custodians had separated a detainee from the group.

Pending habeas writ

Meralco warns rate hike coming

Teachers get poll pay hike

TEACHERS manning the precincts during the automated polls are expected to receive an additional windfall because of their new duties.

The Commission on Elections has approved Resolution No. 8786 granting an additional P1,500 allowance for teachers serving on the Board of Election Inspectors (BEI). This is in addition to the P3,000 honorarium each will receive.

Of the allowance, P500 is for the inspection, verification and sealing of the book of voters, another P500 for the testing and sealing of counting machines, and P500 for transportation. The board will also be given three days' worth of service credits.

Support staff, meanwhile, will each get P1,500 honorarium and three days' worth of service credits. A maximum of three support staff are allowed in the precincts.

The Comelec has also allocated P30 million for election-related death or injury payments to teachers as they supervise the polls.

If death occurs while performing election duties, a teacher's heirs would receive P500,000.

The BEI is tasked with supervising the actual voting process. *Leila B. Salaverria*











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AUTOMATED ELECTIONS CAN SAVE OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE. OR DOOM IT.

The forthcoming presidential elections is the most crucial democratic exercise ever in our country's history. On one hand, we may see the beginning of clean, honest and credible elections. On the other hand, we may see confusion, chaos and even a failure of elections.

This all depends on the state of preparedness of the COMELEC to conduct automated elections.

The Consumer & Oil Price Watch **(COPW)** was invited to the hearing by the House Committee on Electoral Reforms chaired by Makati Congressman Teddy Boy Locsin, and likewise, by the Joint Senate and House Oversight Committee jointly chaired by Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero and Congressman Locsin. Also present were COMELEC Chairman Jose Melo, COMELEC Commissioner Gregorio Larrazabal, Smartmatic International Director Cesar Flores and Executive Director of the Center for People Empowerment in Governance (CENPEG) Evi Jimenez.

COPW is pleased that for the first time, **The House and Senate Committees on Electoral Reforms came together as one in this very crucial point in our history** as we are about to conduct automated elections nationwide, especially since before, we were led to believe that automated elections will only be for Metro Manila with the rest of the country still voting manually.

However, COPW noted that the 22-page Issues raised on Automated Elections presented to the Senate by Evi Jimenez of CENPEG and submitted to COMELEC a year ago have yet to be formally answered in writing by them. All we have had by way of response are statements to media that have been, at best, vague, evasive, and sometimes conflicting.

COPW would like COMELEC to respond to these issues in a very categorical and definitive manner to dispel doubts on its preparedness to conduct automated voting. This is in light of the fact that there will be only 45 days before the May 10 elections assuming that the last Senate and House hearing is on March 25, 2010.

COPW is convinced that computerized elections can work provided the following issues are addressed as follows:

FIRST, the COMELEC rules have been designed for a manual system of voting but now the rules have changed because we are going automated nationwide. **COMELEC must commit to a deadline when they can meet the requirements of the House Committee** to ensure that their rules are suitable to address issues on automated elections.

SECOND, COMELEC has not conducted a Time and Motion Study on how long each voter will take to fill up the ballot and cast his vote considering that there will only be **ONE (1) PCOS machine per 1,000 registered voters coming from 5 clustered precincts.** Therefore, the designated voting center must be big enough to accommodate all the voters.

The voters must bring their kodigos for faster and easier voting. At the closing of polls, the results of the election in the voting center must be made known to the voter.

THIRD, COMELEC has the herculean task of custom-printing the ballots per Local Government Unit containing the names of the Congressional and Local candidates per area. **COMELEC must ensure that the correct ballots are delivered to the correct cities or municipalities**.

FOURTH, COMELEC must disenfranchise voters registered in more than one area. Voters with multiple registrations would have to decide which precinct he/she will vote and immediately advise COMELEC Regional Offices in writing or otherwise they will be disenfranchised.

Therefore, COMELEC must make public the final list of registered voters per precinct. This will solve the problem of flying voters.

FIFTH, COMELEC must rev up their Voters' Education campaign and spend the necessary funds to do so. COMELEC must conduct a massive multimedia campaign, including the internet, to educate voters to avoid confusion, chaos, and time delay. COMELEC should also allow the elderly, handicapped and "undereducated" voters to be accompanied by someone who can guide them to vote properly.

SIXTH, Finally COPW urges that an actual trial run be made with appropriate sample bases nationwide to be observed by all stakeholders including political parties, the Church, business groups, civil society and advocacy groups like COPW.

This trial run should be conducted as early as possible and **NOT 3 TO 7 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS** as announced by COMELEC Commissioner Larrazabal. These sample bases should include the "educated" and undereducated" areas.

Because of the importance of this issue, COPW has placed this advocacy as the highest priority.

COPW will undertake this information campaign nationwide through ads in major broadsheets, tabloids and provincial newspapers written in the local dialect and likewise circularized abroad.

This will likewise be posted in our COPW.Net and RTC-COPW-Philippines.com websites as well as through Yahoo and Google.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO ASSIST COPW IN ITS CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE VOTERS?

___ YES **___ NO**

___ Not Interested. The situation will still be the same as in previous elections.

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Get passports at new DFA bldg

BEGINNING TODAY, ALL PASSPORT services will be handled at the new Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) consular building on the corner of Bradco and Macapagal Avenues, Aseana Business Park, near the Mall of Asia in Pasay City, the DFA announced yesterday.

The telephone numbers at the building are [illegible].

To ensure quick service, the DFA advised passport applicants to secure an online appointment at www.passport.com.ph, or call [illegible]. Applications may also be filed with the DFA's regional consular and satellite offices.

Passport requirements may be viewed on the website.

Applicants no longer have to bring photographs since their pictures will be taken using computer data-capturing machines. But they still need to bring other requirements like the application form that may be downloaded from the DFA website or obtained from the reception desks at the new building.

"Only those with confirmed appointments will be accommodated at the new facility. No escorts are allowed to accompany applicants," the DFA said in a statement.

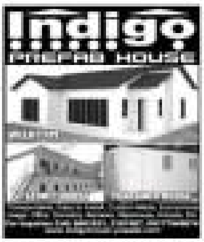
The new 7,000-square meter four-story building is a few blocks from the DFA main building on Roxas Boulevard.

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Returning Calauit to tribe a waste, says Bongbong

Gun ban may continue even after election











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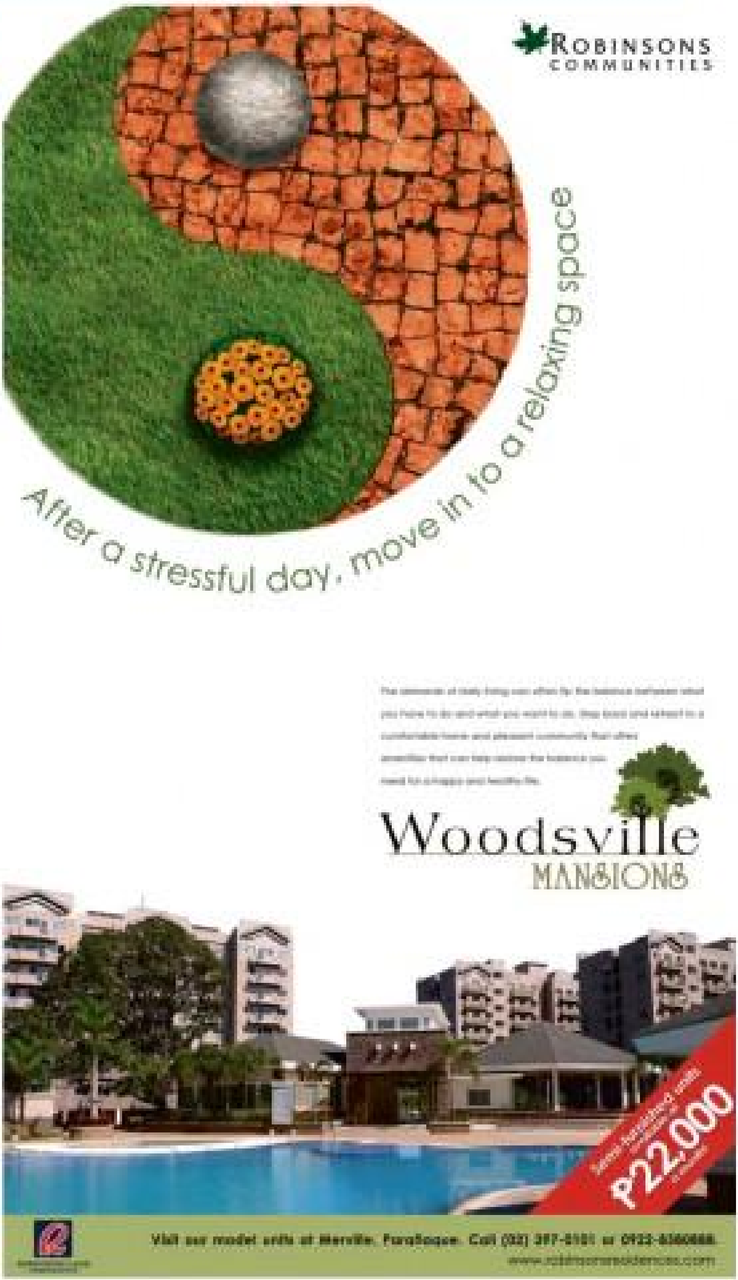

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By Dona Pazzibugan

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Digging up of Datumanong, Ampatuan graves in search of weapons scored

By Nash B. Maulana
Inquirer Mindanao

SHARIFF AGUAK, MAGUINDANAO—Deputy Speaker Simeon Datumanong yesterday called for an investigation into the reported desecration of graves of deceased members of the Ampatuan and Datumanong clans as raids and searches—both by official operations and unidentified armed men—continued in the province.

Members of the Datumanong clan reported to the police on Friday that hooded armed men, under the cover of darkness during a brownout Thursday night, raided the house of the late regional legislator [illegible] Datumanong here and even dug up his grave.

Bahrain Alba, the assemblyman's daughter, said the hooded, as the unidentified suspects [illegible] desecrated the grave of Datumanong's brother, Hadji Ayo, which was also in the compound. They robbed two boxes of belongings, she added.

The Datumanongs are relatives and allies of the Ampatuans, the political clan in Maguindanao suspected of being behind the massacre of at least 57 people on Nov. 23, 2009. Government operations arrested key members of the clan and have so far recovered nearly 2,000 firearms in raids on their homes.

Earlier, Zaid Rebecca Ampatuan, daughter of former Maguindanao Gov. Andal Ampatuan Sr., complained that operatives of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), in the company of hundred men, dug up last month the graves of two of her brothers and a brother in law who were killed in a roadside bomb attack in 2002.

Local police records showed that on Feb. 14, an NBI raiding team armed with a search warrant issued by Judge Fernando Sagun of Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 78, conducted a daytime search of the Ampatuan compound and dug up some graves. Another search, the seventh one, was conducted on Feb. 20.

In calling for an investigation, Datumanong, the representative of Maguindanao, said the desecration of graves was "barbaric, whether or not it was covered by supposed legitimate operations."

Datumanong said he would question the issuance of a search warrant by a Quezon City court reportedly allowing the desecration of graves.

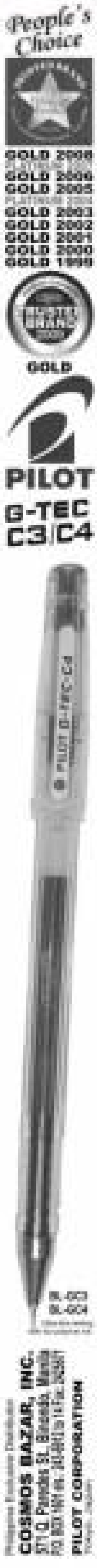
"Only a person not familiar with Muslim tenets or tradition would suspect that things be hidden beneath a tomb.... Among Muslims, only a piece of thin white cloth is buried along with the dead," he said.

Datumanong said the NBI operatives in the Ampatuan raid and the unidentified men in the raid on the Datumanong compound apparently had "a similar purpose."

Provincial police chief Alexis Lituma told the Inquirer that local police were [illegible] "to address this local security problem."

Lituma only recently replaced Supt. Piang Adam, who was tagged as one of the main suspects in the Maguindanao massacre. He said authorities were still looking for 507 firearms belonging to the [illegible] that went missing after the local police armory burned down in the latter part of [illegible] last year.





Memorial for FVR uncle

THE LATE SEVERINO "SING" Ramos, an uncle of former President Fidel V. Ramos, will be remembered at a memorial service on March 11 at 7 p.m. at Gethsemane Church on Taft Avenue.

Ramos, a brother of the late Foreign Secretary Narciso Ramos and a former GSIS consultant, died in San Francisco on May 18, 2008, at the age of 98. His ashes were brought to Manila last March 6.

The ashes will be at Gethsemane Church beginning March 10 at 4 p.m. Interment will be near the grave of his wife, the former Juliana Montesa, at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina, on March 12 at 11 a.m.

Surviving him are his daughter Grace, grandchildren Gladys and Ian, siblings, nephews and nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces.



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Farm girl is RP candidate for Miss Universe

By Armin Adina

A FARM GIRL FROM CAMARINES SUR won the Binibining Pilipinas-Universe crown last night.

Maria Venus Raj inherited the title from last year's winner Pamela Bianca Manalo in a glittering four-hour pageant at Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City.

Raj, 21, who will compete in the Miss Universe contest later this year, was voted Miss Friendship by fellow candidates. She also won the Best in Long Gown and Best in Swimsuit awards.

Raj, 5-foot-10 and measuring 35-22-35, told the Inquirer: "This victory means a lot to me. All my sacrifices paid off. This is the result of all the support from my family, friends, loved ones … even strangers."

The new beauty queen graduated cum laude with a degree in Communication Arts from Bicol University. She confirmed reports of her humble upbringing.

"Our house is in the middle of a farm in Bato, Camarines Sur. Walking on the borders of the rice paddies (pilapil) was my early training in walking on runways," the part-time model said in English and Filipino. She said that her family still lives on the same farm.

GMA 7 contract artist Krista Kleiner was proclaimed Binibining Pilipinas-International and named Best in Talent and Best in Swimsuit.

Czarina Catherine Gatbonton from Malolos, Bulacan, was the surprise winner of the Binibining Pilipinas-World title. The 20-year-old college student was the only candidate to introduce herself in Filipino. She also answered her question in Filipino. She will compete in the Miss World contest also later this year.

The three titleholders bagged a prize package that included a P200,000 contract with Binibining Pilipinas Charities Inc., an admission to a course worth P2 million, wardrobe and accessories from Cinthia worth P350,000, as well as cash and products from Nutrella worth P50,000.

Negro Diane Necio, 17-year-old Diane Necio, was first runner-up, while Batangueña Helen Nicolette Henson was second runner-up. Henson was also named Miss Photogenic, Miss Fit n' Right and Miss Philippine Airlines.

Sabrina Antonio and Lauraee Ann Capistrano, who bagged the popularity-based Shoppers' Choice and Texters' Choice awards, respectively, failed to make it to the semifinals.

Actors Dingdong Dantes and Carla Abellana hosted the pageant ceremonies. Broadcaster Mike Enriquez, boxing champion Nonito Donaire and 1970 Miss International Aurora Pijuan were among the judges of the competition televised on GMA 7.

The Daily Gospel

Monday, March 8, 2010
3rd Week of Lent
St. John of God

1st Reading: 2 K 5: 1-15ab
Gospel: Lk 4:24-30

Jesus added, "No prophet is honored in his own country. Truly, I say to you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens withheld rain for three years and six months and a great famine came over the whole land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in the country of Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha, the prophet, and no one was healed except Naaman, the Syrian."

On hearing these words, the whole assembly became indignant. They rose up and brought him out of the town, to the edge of the hill on which Nazareth is built, intending to throw him down the cliff. But he passed through their midst and went his way.

Commentary:

"Prophets are never welcomed in their hometown."

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PRESIDENTIAL candidate Sen. Manny Villar's old house along Moriones Street in Tondo, Manila.

Part of urban renewal

Blue and pink

'We are apolitical'

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Across the NATION

12 pilgrims dead in La Union bus crash

PUGO, LA UNION—UNopened bottles of ube jam, several pieces of broken walis tambo (broom), assorted vegetables and an everlasting garland were among the goodies left scattered by the roadside in Barangay Palina the morning after a bus full of pilgrims hit a tree on Saturday.



12 dead

Help from Sta. Rosa

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Woman who begged off from Lent trip is saved

No leads on abducted trader

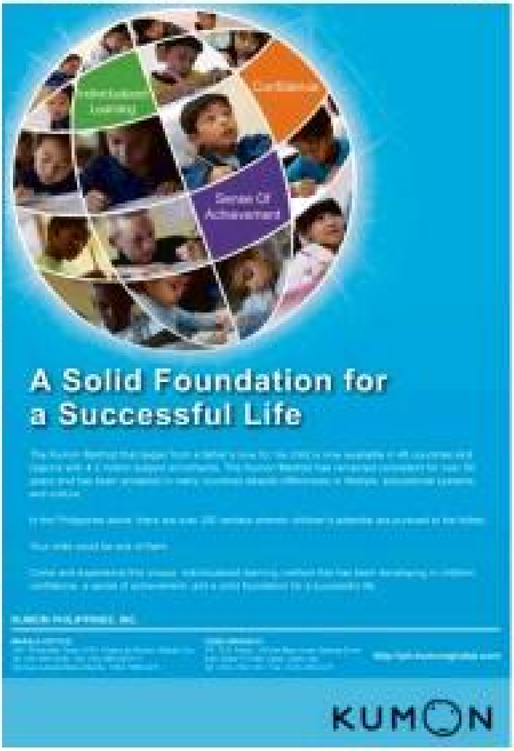
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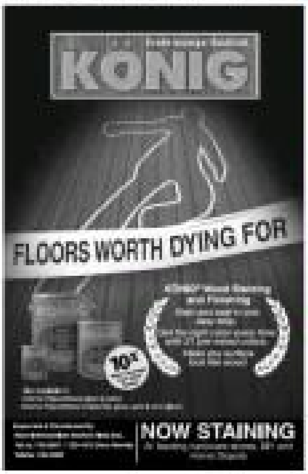
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LOGISTICS / SUPPORT / PREPARATIONS

- 28 MULTINATIONAL EXPERTS AT THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM
- 327 HIGHLY QUALIFIED FILIPINO ORGANIC EMPLOYEES
- OVER 36,000 VOTING CENTERS SURVEYED WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT TO DETERMINE NETWORK SIGNALS, POWER AVAILABILITY AND OTHER LOGISTICAL CONCERNS
- 23,000 SQ. M CENTRAL WAREHOUSING AND CONFIGURATION FACILITY OPERATIONAL
- 904 TESTING AND CONFIGURATION LINE EMPLOYEES WORKING TWO SHIFTS
- CONTRACTS WITH LOGISTICS PROVIDERS AND FORWARDERS SIGNED
- RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF OVER 48,000 FIELD SUPPORT TECHNICIANS STARTED
- 438 COMELEC TRAINING PERSONNEL CERTIFIED
- 700-SEAT CALL CENTER FOR ELECTION TECHNICAL SUPPORT OPERATIONAL

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMISSION

- 48,000 MODEMS FOR DIRECT TRANSMISSION MANUFACTURED AND DELIVERED
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Palace still wishing for GMA powers

Busy campaigning

Sure to attend

No need for Epira

Power outlook

Bring along 'cheat sheets,' voters urged

All about shading oval

Don't play with ballot



EAGER VOTERS

Grappling with crises, low tax take

Pump priming

Revenue collections down

Budget deficit

Outstanding debts

Making ends meet

More Pinoys poor . . .



PICTURE OF POVERTY A beggar appeals to good Samaritans at Redemptorist Church in Baclaran.

Highest GDP growth

Oligarchies too sturdy

7 Sayyaf suspects killed

Leaders escaped

Link to al-Qaida

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MMDA in need of 200 new employees

By Mike Morales

LOOKING FOR A JOB? THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has around 200 vacancies in different departments which it wants to fill up.

1 dead, 5 hurt as 20 men attack passersby

METROBRIEFS

Woman shot dead by gunmen on motorcycle

11 arrested in raid on prostitution den

Metro Citizen's call

A worker's complaint

Wanted: Cops at Pasay Rotonda

Unfinished business

Still the king of the road

Players leave litter on street

Sleepless on Adora Street

Student tired of muddy road

Reckless taxi driver







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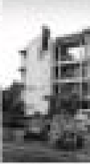
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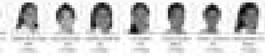


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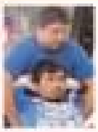
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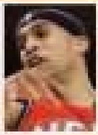
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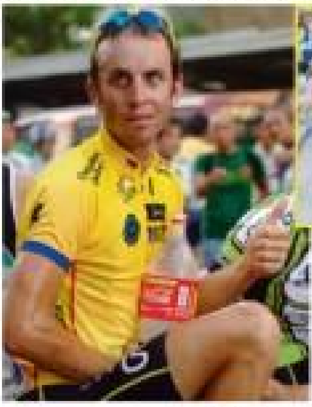
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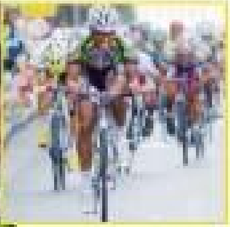


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Roach: Lights out for Clottey in 6-7 rounds

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Tireless, sharp Pacquiao pleases birthday boy Roach

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ROACH

Herrera, Maquilan rule Yakult 10 Miler

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Don't do it, Crisano

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Manolo R. Iñigo



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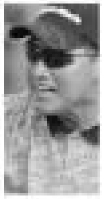
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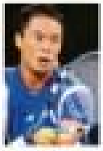
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Conference best-MVP double looms for Yap





BUSINESS

Megaworld bags Jusmag property project

BCDA's joint-venture partner to develop 34.5-hectare lot

By Doris C. Dumlao

TYCOON ANDREW TAN'S MEGAWORLD CORP. IS SEEN bagging the 34.5-hectare Jusmag property recently auctioned by the government for joint-venture development after the company submitted the highest financial bid.

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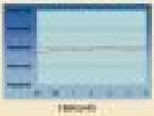
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Property sales to OFWs rising

By Doris C. Dumlao

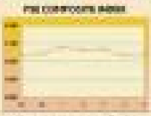
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Stocks seen to rise

Stocks seen to rise

An upbeat trading in Wall Street, the appreciation of the peso against the US dollar, ample domestic liquidity and the onset of the dividend season were among the favorable factors.

For instance, he said the forthcoming disbursement of cash dividends by telecommunications giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., which accounted for nearly a fourth of the index, would eventually help boost the market.

"And if buyers continue to go after second-liner property stocks will continue to see a push," Cheako said. As such, Cheako said the stocks of property companies owned by tycoon Andrew Tan—Megaworld Corp., Empire East Land Holdings Inc. and Alliance Global Group Inc.—may be good picks for the week.

Doris C. Dumlao

ICTSI to issue $250M in 10-year bonds overseas

Roadshow in HK, Singapore set

MPIC to dilute stake in MPTC

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The universal language

Property sales ...

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NOKIA'S E52 is all business.

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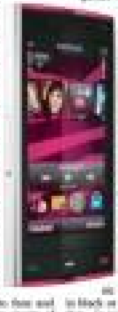
THE E52 is made mostly of metal. It even employs a high-tech aluminum-magnesium alloy on the battery cover.

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

Fast

Good job

X6: Sexy and entertaining



Attractive purse is really a netbook



ANOTHER glam netbook makes its entry into the crowded netbook space.

Managing money supply

NO FREE LUNCH



Multiplying money

Harbour Centre to invest $120 million in Subic Port



Bank loans up 8.7% to P413B

Despite global downturn, lending activities remained brisk in 2009

Trans-Asia allots P8.5B for a coal-fired plant

Megaworld bags Jusmag property project

EDC out to raise geothermal output by 300 MW

Visayas sees the light as power plant goes online

No Free Lunch

Monetary policy

Other tools

Biz Buzz

ATMs for the blind?

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BUSINESS Monday

Business Features Editor: Margie Quimpo-Espino

What's good for one can be good for another

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

ONE OF THE FEW good things that came out of the worst global economic crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s is the increased travel activity within Southeast Asia.

With tightened purse strings because of economic uncertainty, few indulged in expensive long-haul travel to North America and Europe.

Instead, vacationing families and friends from the Philippines ventured to nearby countries where airfare and accommodations are much easier on the pocket.

And one of the more popular destinations is Indonesia, which shares a cultural, historical and economic affinity with the Philippines, particularly Mindanao where many Indonesians—the majority from Sulawesi—live.

Vinsensius Jemadu, deputy director for International Relations of Indonesia's Ministry of Culture and Tourism, reveals in an interview during a recent [illegible] trip to Indonesia that the Philippines had [illegible] year emerged as one of Indonesia's fastest growing sources of tourists.

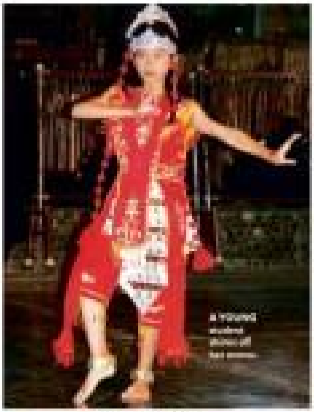
"Arrivals from the Philippines have been increasing and that is very good," says Jemadu. "We probably closed

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COLORFUL Indonesian food

> Indonesia is taking great pains to get the youth to embrace its unique culture





TOURISTS from all over the world are drawn to Bali's many temples.



Anytime, anywhere, risk management always makes sense

MAPping THE FUTURE

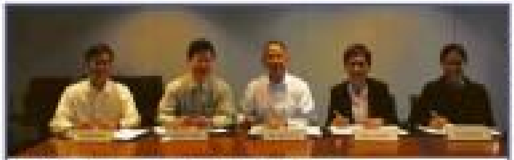


Abelardo V. Cortez

Shortcomings

Understanding

Systems, techniques



Ayala Land Businesscapes expands BPO footprint to Iloilo





BALINESE furniture (right) and flowers await tourists.

What's good for one ...





Water in the morning, cash in the afternoon

How the country's mango capital is fast becoming a salt capital, too



Measure of its own

Art and science

Not exactly small business



Wil Tower expands Vista Land's role in condo market

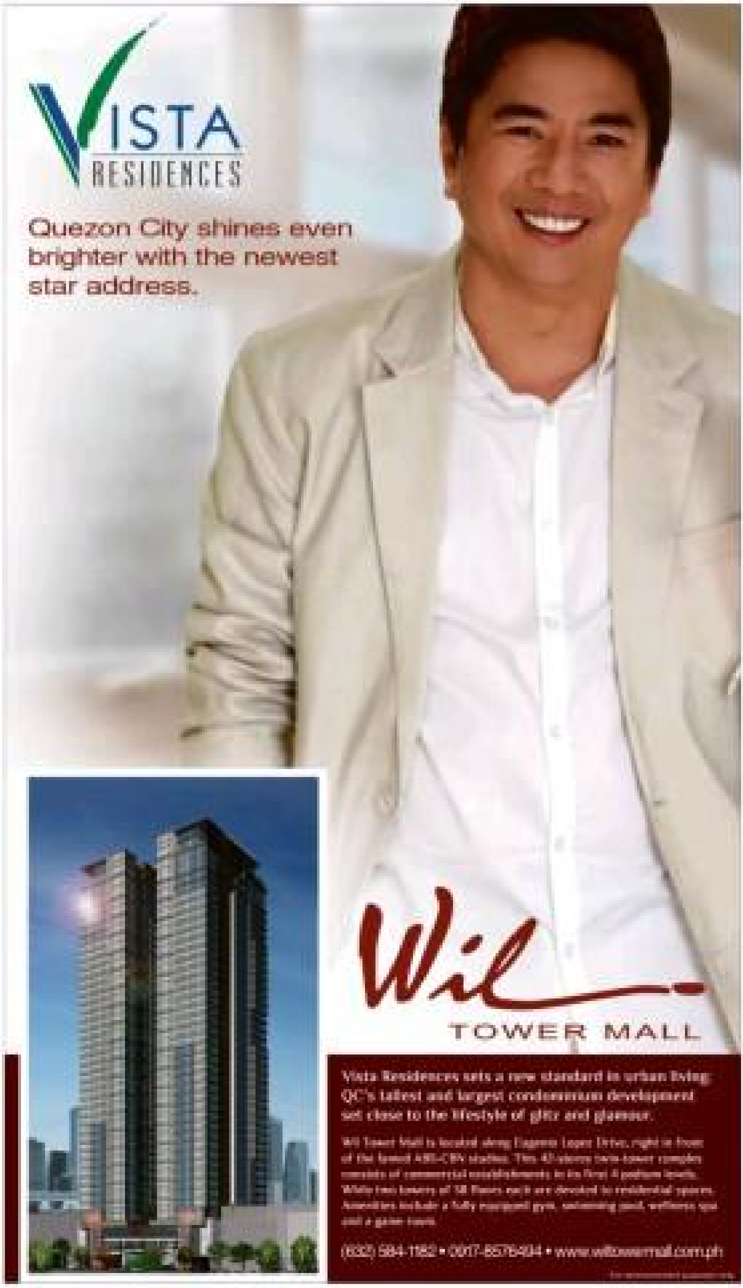
Sustaining its momentum in the condominium segment, publicly listed holding company Vista Land continues to expand its role in condo construction with the in Quezon City of Wil Tower Mall, its anchor development for 2010 under Vista Residences, the group's consolidated brand for condominium developments.

Vista Land said the project will generate over P4 billion in revenues and is targeted for completion in 2014.

"Investing steadily in residential condo development is a strategic decision of Vista Land with a long-term perspective," company CEO Jing Serrano said.

He said that unlike home and lot developments, condo projects pose different demands, with a longer gestation period.

"An entire building needs to be completed each time, not merely individual units as in horizontal projects. But the long-term growth of the segment is there, and residential condos will increasingly contribute to revenue," Serrano said.



Wil Tower Mall has a premium location across the ABS-CBN compound along Eugenio Lopez Drive in Quezon City, offering proximity to the city's media hubs ABS-CBN and GMA; top healthcare facilities St. Luke's Medical Center and Cardinal Santos Medical Center; academic institutions UP Diliman, Ateneo de Manila and Miriam College; and the shopping and leisure destinations of SM North EDSA, Trinoma, Gateway Mall and Araneta Center.

As a 42 storey mixed-use condominium project, Wil Tower Mall will be the tallest and most upscale building in the area, with two 38-storey residential buildings hoisted on 4 podium levels housing commercial, high-end establishments.

The project's amenities will include a supermarket, specialty restaurants, and a range of leisure and fitness facilities.

"With this condominium project, we are providing highly advantageous value to occupants, investors and residents," Serrano said.

Since 2006, Vista Residences has generated a line-up of 14 condo projects that have been built, are being completed or will be launched this year, demonstrating the group's capability to marshal resources effectively, maintain a high level of operational efficiency and achieve defined business targets.

BUSINESS *Monday*

Turning women into more than just workers

By [illegible]

SINCE 1992, THE FOUNDATION for Professional Training Inc. (FPTI), a duly-accredited private NGO, has been providing scholarships for a two-year vocational-technical course to young underprivileged women in the country.

"We want to give better opportunities for young economically challenged women by giving them training skills and help them earn a degree recognized by Tesda (Technical Education and Skills Development Authority)," explains Ms. Susana E. Manzon, FPTI's president.

To date, FPTI runs five schools located in different parts of the country: Pinehills School in San Juan, Maligaya Institute for Culinary Arts and Residential Services (Maligaya) in Manila, Anihan in Laguna, Habilian in Quezon City and Banilad Center for Professional Development in Cebu.

The foundation's tagline, "Lifelong Development for Women," aptly summarizes its mission of providing young girls the knowledge and skills in the field of food and beverage, and housekeeping services, guided by Christian ideals that will help them succeed in life.

Scholarships are given to deserving girls who meet the requirements set by the schools—female and single, 16-21 years old, high school graduates and belonging to the low-income group of society, among others. They also have to pass the entrance exams and the interview conducted by the school.

Manzon says that FPTI schools have already produced more than 4,000 graduates who are now employed in and recognized by leading hotels and restaurants in the country. Although all the FPTI training centers offer the same program, Manzon explains that each school has its own niche to avoid competing with each other.



CULINARY Arts students at work



SCHOLARS of Maligaya Institute for Culinary Arts and Residential Services are eager to learn.

"For instance, Anihan's niche is in the countryside, so it provides livelihood opportunities in the rural areas. They sell the products that the students make. While Habilian provides workers in the housekeeping services," she said.

The foundation also has a number of industry partners where students obtain their on-the-job training and eventually, most of them get hired by these companies after graduation.

Values formation

But what makes their graduates stand out, Manzon proudly says, is the values that the school [illegible].

"Our mission is not only to give these girls skills but also values," says Manzon, adding that their industry partners attest to the values and positive attitude their students bring to their work.

"We want them to primarily be a whole person, a caring homemaker … with Christian values," she adds.

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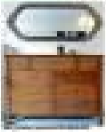




...re shop gets big by helping small ones







...P CHALLENGE OF BROADBAND



BUSINESS *Monday*

Eating and enjoying Phelps, Pacquiao, other sports heroes





JAQ Restaurant boasts of impressive interiors.

P5-million capital

54 food items



JAQ is fast becoming a watering hole for sports enthusiasts and food lovers in Naga City.

Marriage and business through thick and tin



SOME of the Encarados' angel figures.





COLORFUL capiz lamps and candle holders (above); (Right) Rogelio and Nelia Encarado.

Early losses

Microfinancing

Lifestyle Arts & Books







UGLY, UGLY, UGLY: Jagged, broken and impassable sidewalks (if there's any left), electric posts haphazardly placed, tangled electric and telephone cables.



GARBAGE, garbage everywhere. Local officials can't even deliver on basic services.

Ugly street lights at night mask other urban eyesores

"MANILA, NOT PARIS, IS THE NEW CITY of Lights," as articulated by letter writer "Richard," is the underlying attitude in all of the strong responses against the street lights of Pasay and Manila along Roxas Boulevard, which was the subject of our Feb. 15 column.

Pride of Place



Augusto F. Villalon

"Last week my sister and I were driving around the Roxas area looking for a place for dinner, when we noticed the streetlamps. 'Very Disneyesque!'"—Tess.

"I fully agree with your column, 'Roxas Boulevard's ugly strings of lights.' The qualification of kitsch or cursi ('kitsch,' Spanish) is well deserved. This display is really in bad taste, recalling a cheap Las Vegas casino."—Alain.

"There is hardly any aesthetic sensibility—a refinement of spirit and character to seek order, harmony and beauty in the city. For example, [city] mayors seem to outdo one another in their lack of cultural, historic, and artistic sense—putting up those garish and gaudy 'lipstick' and multicolored lampposts along Roxas Boulevard, and in parks and bridges, which deface the historical character of Intramuros, the Old Manila. The same is true with other mayors running their cities outside of Manila.

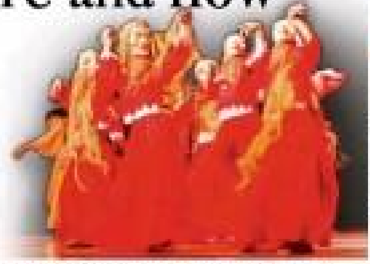
"Just think of the young generation [who] will be our future designers, planners and architects exposed to these mediocre models of urban decay and lack of taste."—Dalreville.

The letter continues: "We have grown to-

NEXT C3



Theater of the young, the here and now





"Transcreation"

Defining musical

Polished and fun

Womanity

Self and others

Good show

Chopin and Licad



About sorrow

Nothing like live concert

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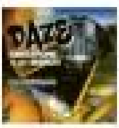
Young artists at New Eastwood

Painting contest for high schoolers



Group show at Magnet

Daze in Singapore



FEU artists at PWU

Ugly street lights at night mask other . . .

Suggestions

More opinions

Any vision?



Philippine Opera Company offers summer performing-arts workshops

SM Mall of Asia

Exciting March Events You Can't Miss





The Philippine International Pyromusical Competition
March 14, 2010 | Seaside Boulevard | 7 and 8 PM

Don't miss the spectacular night of the grandest pyrotechnic competition in the country! Pyrotechnic representatives of Australia and the Philippines are still up to wield their pyromusical prowess and prove that they are worthy of that Ramon Orlina trophy. Bring your family and friends over for unforgettable nights of fireworks, music, and good food.

Tickets are available at the following price zones: VIP with Dinner - P1,500; VIP - P500; Gold - P300; Silver - P150 and General Admission - P100. Get your tickets now from TicketNet, TicketWorld, and Philippine International Pyromusical Ticket Tables conveniently located at accessible spots inside the SM Mall of Asia.



Paramore Live in Manila
March 9, 2010 | MOA Open Concert Grounds | 8 PM

Book your tickets now to the hottest rock concert in Manila this March! Tickets are available at TicketWorld (www.ticketworld.com.ph) in the following denominations: Gold – P2,950; Silver – P1,550; and Bronze – P550. All ticket zones are free-standing. For VIP ticket inquiries, contact Mr. Charlemagne Lim at 0917-8334223 and 0922-8334223.



Earth Hour
March 27, 2010
Mall of Asia Complex | 8:30 to 9:30PM

Join the rest of the world in turning all electricity off in an effort to inspire humanity to adapt to climate change by switching to renewable energy, minimizing our carbon footprints, and preparing for climate impacts.

This annual event is organized by the World Wide Fund since 2007 and has enlisted the support of countries from every corner of the world. Last year, SM Mall of Asia has been one of the leading supporters of the local Earth Hour—which has saved 611 MWh of power, which is roughly equivalent to shutting down a dozen coal-fired power plants for an hour. Shut all electricity off and head over to SM Mall of Asia on March 27, 8:30 to 9:30 PM, to support this cause.



LIFESTYLE Arts&Books



Masters of modernism

By Ramon R. Villegas
Contributor

ON VIEW AT FINALE Art File is "Meaning to be Modern," an exhibition of 80 paintings selected from the Paulino Que collection, also the source of artworks by 22 New Painters in last year's "Figuring the Times."

Lydia Velasco and Dominic Rubio paint the (dis)similar





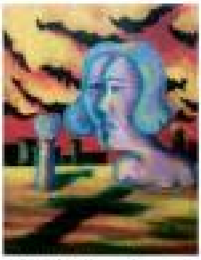
Masters of modernism



"BAR Girls," by Cesar Legaspi



"NOCTURNALIA,"







"VANITY,"

European roots

13 Moderns

Edades formed, with Galo Ocampo and Carlos Francisco, the Modernist Triumvirate

Second generation

Kawayan takes a walk on the blind side

Text and photos by Katrina Stuart Santiago



"I'M LOVIN' IT"

Strange and familiar

Welcome to the dark side



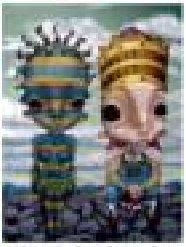


2 Filipino artists in Singapore debut





"THE STRANGER in the Swamp," by Anthony Palo



"AFTERMATH of War / The Beast," by Palo

Lydia Velasco and Dominic Rubio . . .







"FLOWER Harvest," by Rubio



Colorful workbook for teachers on arts appreciation now available





ARTWORKS as illustration for "Doll's Eyes"

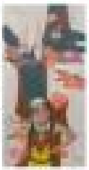


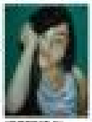
Mallari's art for new children's book on exhibit



PAINTING-ILLUSTRATION from "Doll's Eyes"

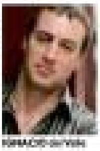
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LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

Top Spanish novelist featured in 'Writing Europe,' at Instituto Cervantes



IGNACIO DEL VALLE

THE VIBRANT AND UNIQUE HERITAGE of European culture is found in many different facets of the continent and is expressed through customs, folklore, language and traditions. But with the East and the West's troubled history, the image of Europe has, at times, been perceived in a negative and stereotyped way.

In an effort to increase the knowledge of people about the rich European history and culture, Instituto Cervantes de Manila presents "Escribir Europa (Writing Europe)," a lecture about the continent that has left an indelible mark in the cultural evolution of humanity. It is scheduled March 9, 7 p.m., at Instituto Cervantes' Salon de Actos.

This lecture is also in celebration of Spain's presidency of the European Union (EU).

"Cultural heritage is not limited to material manifestations, such as monuments and valuable objects that have been preserved over time. Cultural heritage also includes living expressions and the traditions that communities worldwide have inherited from their ancestors and transmit to their descendants," Instituto Cervantes director José Rodríguez said.

The lecture, which will be in English, features Spanish writer Ignacio del Valle and Filipino editor Ramon Sunico. Both having

TOP SPANISH/C3

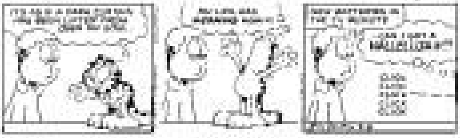
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■ Genuine emotions in 'Crazy Heart' /C3



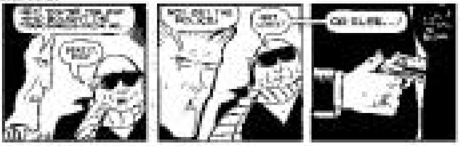
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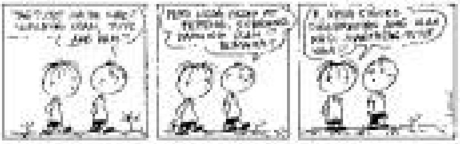
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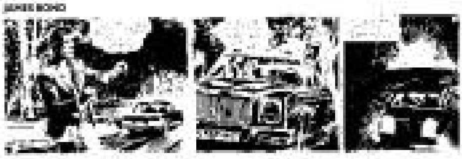








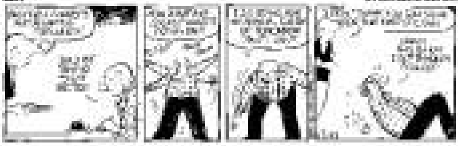


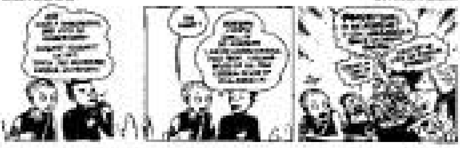












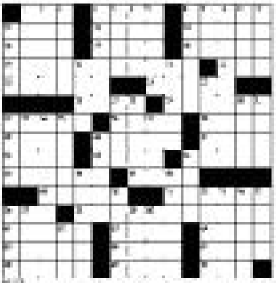


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE




Jeff Bridges is totally moving in his performance of a has-been musician wallowing in drugs and alcohol

FROM BOOK TO FILM

Genuine emotions in 'Crazy Heart'

Very believable

Similarly heartfelt

Well-designed summa of the life and mind of the Angelic Doctor





Well designed

Top Spanish novelist featured …

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New Ferdinand Cacnio sculptures at LRI Plaza



THE ARTIST with "Dancers"

27 named UP Artists



Kid choral contest in Parañaque



CHAMPION: St. Andrew's School Choir

Win travel-and-photography prize

Fellows to UP writers workshop announced

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

Overheard

"IT'S NOT an Oliver Stone-style bludgeon-you-over-the-head political film, but it does have a political subtext," said director James Cameron, who is nominated for Best Director for "Avatar," 12 years after he won the award for "Titanic." [illegible]



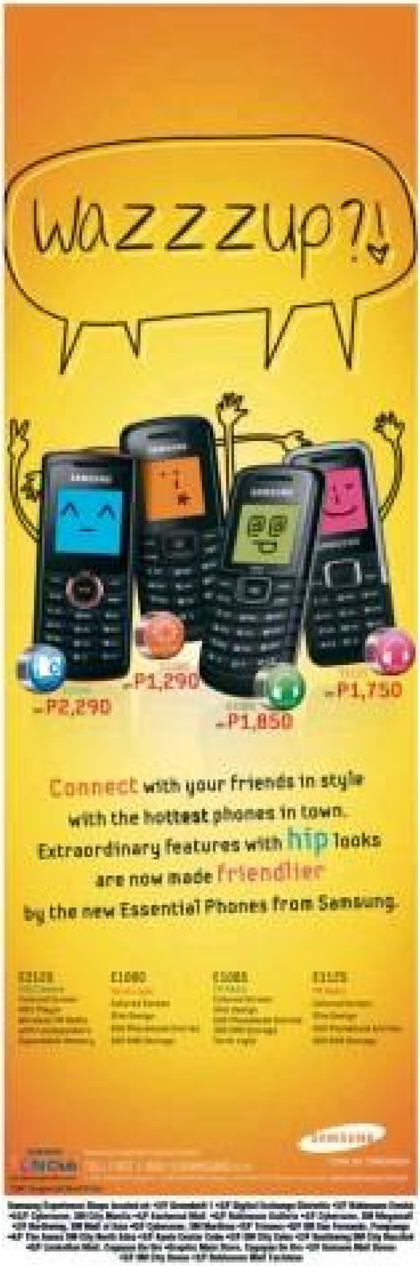




DOLLY Anne Carvajal has received her 3rd Gawad Tanglaw as Best Entertainment Columnist. Brillante Mendoza, Best Director; Vilma Santos, Best Actress. DOLLYWOOD page F4.







Political ads show candidates at their best—but also at their worst

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

Personal appeal

Less than affecting

Most politicians aren't actors, so tears aren't easy for them to pull off with believability

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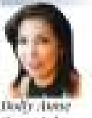
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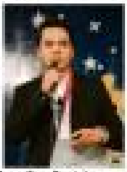
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Dolly Anne Carvajal









Still Boy Camara, JC no more



It's an adult Alice in Underland





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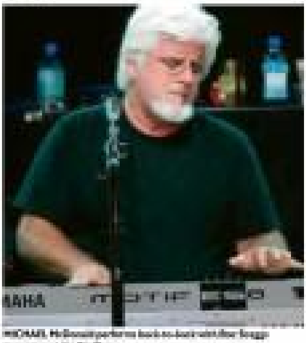
A quick guide to Oscar nominees



H'wood, when 'gift' is a verb







Michael McDonald still swinging at 58

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H'wood, when 'gift'...

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Harrison Ford: I have 8 planes, 1 woman

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[illegible]

Cesar of Honor

[illegible]

Emotional exercise

[illegible]

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

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'I don't know anything completely yet. We never stop changing, whether we know it or not'

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'Fine with Biology'

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Still a movie star

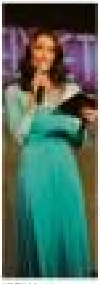
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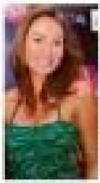


KARYLLE and Richard Poon in a song number

Velvet tribute to great films



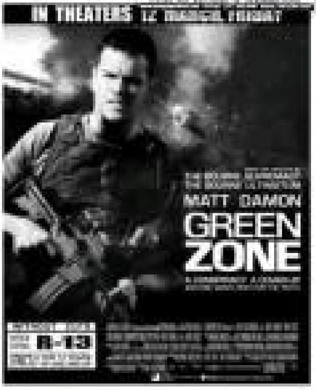
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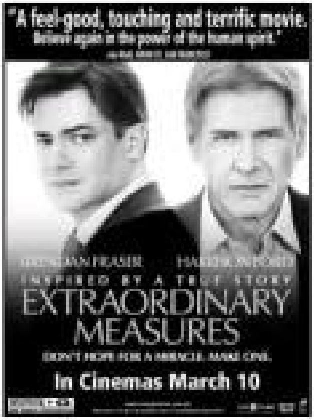


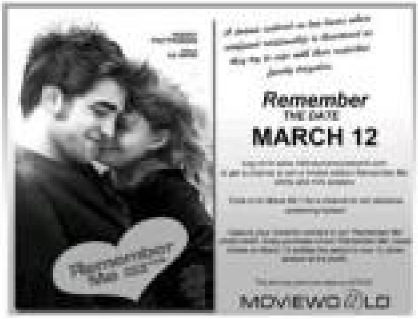




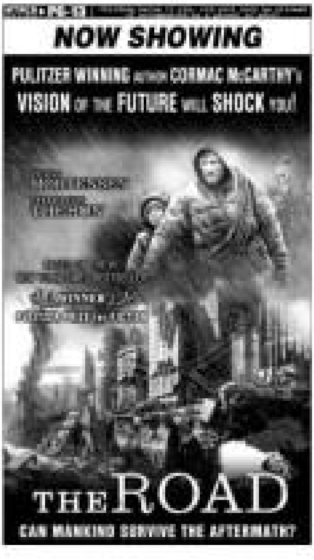














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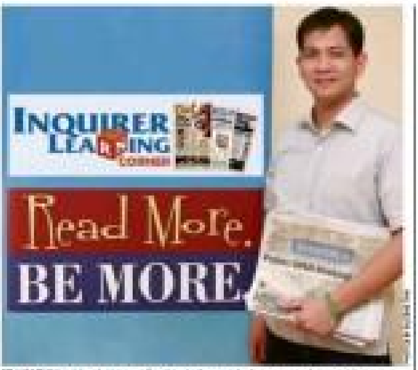


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Balanga City mayor champions free copies for school 'Inqspot'

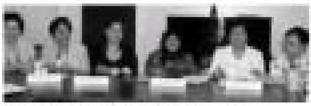
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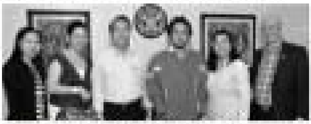
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STI wins Anvil Award of Excellence



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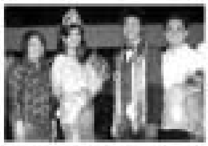
LPU sends participants to Indonesia for AUPF

Feati blasts off for its 3rd Aero Fest

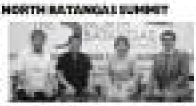
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NABITO, DAVID AT NORTH BATANGAS SUMMIT



Crece launches AdU Journal of Research

EUREKA! *Queena N. Lee-Chua*



5 things the next President should do

Whoever wins this May should start with the small problems we have to live with every day

Impatient for change

Small acts



Teaching love for learning and other people



MSEU names institute after dean emeritus



DR. CESAR A. VILLARIBA lends his name to Manuel S. Enverga University's Research and Publication Institute.

UP Jubilarians' second mini-reunion March 8



Women's month at Museo Pambata

DAR scholar enrolls at DLSU-Dasmariñas



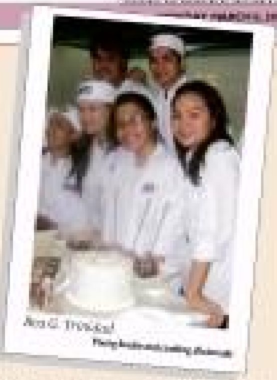
Girls volleyball summer camp goes to Bacolod

What I've Learned

One for the bucket list

Food is one of life's great joys

A lot in 13 days



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BES makes history once more

Modest beginnings





In this corner

Keep it coming

How to join

Fearless forecast

Objectives

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Activity Sheet

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